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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 13, 2000, please amend the application and consider the remarks as set forth below.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, first sentence, insert "This application is the National stage of International Application No. PCT/JP99/04015, filed on July 27, 1999."

REMARKS

Applicants have amended the specification to insert the information relating to the co-pending international application required by 37 C.F.R. 1.78.

Claim Objections

Claims 3 and 13-17 stand objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper form "because a multiple dependent claim cannot depend from any other multiple dependent claim." Applicants respectfully submit that the claims as presently drafted are proper. Claim 3 is a multiple dependent claim in proper format, depending on claims 1 or 2. Claims 13-17 are all dependent claims, depending either on claim 3, or a further dependent claim. Thus, there is no multiple dependent claim depending on another multiple dependent claim, and the claims are proper under 37 CFR 1.75(c). Applicants thus request withdrawal of this objection.